

## THE GAZETTE.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

### INCONSISTENCY.

Among the singular freaks that sometimes seize the public minds of most excellent people, is the sentiment of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union as expressed in their action at Nashville, asking congress to take off the internal tax on whisky. We say sentiment, for certainly in no sane could such action be founded on good judgment in this matter. Surely upon "economic grounds" it contravenes that rule of law that every man shall be held for the consequences of his own business; that he who has been the means of producing evil and has enjoyed all the benefits of selling intoxicating drinks, shall be responsible for the damage done by such sale, nor on "moral grounds," when to repeal laws imposing burdens or restraints upon the traffic would be to open wider the flood gates of intemperance. The same principle would take off all license both high and low. So far as the police power is concerned in the state is concerned the law of congress expressly recognizes this power but says; "that where the states allow it to be made and sold the general government will tax it. Over the manufacture and sale the states have absolute power over all domestic liquors and over the sale of all imported liquors. The only thing that congress could do, would be to tax it out of existence. As there is no tax to taxation, the power to tax is the power to destroy.

Some advocate the repeal of all laws, leaving the sale of liquor unrestricted, in the professed expectation that the evils of intemperance would work out their own cure, or soon become so great as to compel the people to resort to prohibition for self-preservation. The absurdity of this plea would render it unworthy of notice, were it not just such a sophism as is fitted to carry away some good people who have not enough sense to counter an enemy, vainly defer the contest in the hope that he will destroy himself. It would be a fearful experiment, the power of which to excite the passions of virtue to action, would depend entirely on the comparative decrease of their own, and the increase of their enemy's strength.

Strange reasoning this! Would the repeal of all laws against intemperance and a legislative nullification of the marriage covenant tend to promote the moral purity of the community? Would a repeal of the laws against theft, forgery, violence and murder, tend to the diminution of these crimes? Would it be safe or expedient to repeal all laws to compel men to pay their debts; or if the universal existence of these crimes should at last compel the people to cry for protection to some power that could arrest the tide; how much worse than it now is must intemperance become, to rouse the people to such energy of despair, that in the feebleness of their diminished numbers and distracted councils, they may successfully contend with their hitherto triumphant foe.

Can a child wrestle with a tiger, or a lamb against the wolf wage hopeful warfare? We think it would be a most dangerous experiment to remove any of the restraints or burdens which statesmen and philanthropists have deemed it necessary to throw around the vastly dangerous traffic in strong drinks. We hope that as long as the states tolerate its manufacture and sale the general government will tax it, and if high license will restrain the sale let the states impose that, so that a business that fills our insane asylums, our jails, and our prisons shall be compelled to make this small recompense to the community for the great wrong it imposes on society. If we cannot have prohibition let us have the best regulations and restraints possible, and as fast as we can lift up public opinion and public practices, let us lift up our laws correspondingly. Again we say that the idea of taking the tax off whisky is a mere sentiment, but the exhibition of poor judgment. It looks too much like a collusion between the spirits of St. John and Sami-John, a case where the "extremes are nearer together than the means."

John Nazro, one of the best known business men and citizens of Milwaukee, died in that city yesterday afternoon. The Milwaukee Sentinel of this morning, speaks of Mr. Nazro as follows: "Coming here in 1847, when but twenty years of age, he assisted in founding a hardware house, of which, a few years later, he became the principal proprietor. For a long period it was, if not the foremost, in the foremost rank of such establishments in the northwest. For many years Mr. Nazro held a leading place among the merchants of Milwaukee, and his name was familiar in business circles throughout the northwest. During his later years, he was unfortunate in business, and failed in consequence of a great depreciation in the goods he had on hand, and the financial panic that came on after 1873. There was no stain, however, upon his honor or his integrity as a business man, and he retained the hearty esteem and respect of the community.

Of a cheerful and hopeful nature, he indulged in no week repining over this change in his fortunes, but absolutely accepted the situation. For some years he held the office of United States collector here, and lately has been in the commerce business on the board of trade. His health has been somewhat impaired for the past year, but he was able to attend to business until a week previous to his death."

## SHORT SPECIALS.

Much interesting information to be found in the following paragraphs. The new cruiser Atlanta will be given another trial next Saturday.

While putting up clothes at Tusculum, Pa., Monday, Mrs. John Spain, aged 73, accidentally hanged herself.

By a fire in the blacksmith-shop of James David in New York Monday fifteen horses were burned. Loss, \$3,000.

The Pittsburgh tube works resumed operations Monday, subject to a settlement of the wage question by arbitration.

A new railroad, the Winona & Southwestern, to run from Omaha, Neb., to Winona, Minn., was incorporated at Des Moines, Ia., Monday.

Dr. E. Miles Willett, supreme medical examiner of the Catholic Knights of America, died suddenly Monday at his residence in Memphis, Tenn.

John A. Hickey, supreme marshal of the Catholic Mutual Benefvolent Association, died Monday at Detroit, of pneumonia. He was 51 but two days.

John C. Crowley, a prominent lawyer of Boston, who went to Europe suddenly last November, is said to be a defaulter to the extent of \$75,000.

The Tullahoma bank burglars, Fau Burnes and James Wilson, were taken from Clinton, Ia., Monday on a requisition from Governor Oglesby, of Illinois.

The Methodist church at Fremont, O., was burned Monday, entailing a loss of \$10,000. The structure was considered the finest in the Central Ohio Conference.

George O'Neill, aged 24, of Peru, Ill., cut his throat Monday at Peterson, N. J. He said that officers were coming to arrest him, but did not say what offense he had committed.

The suit of Littlejohn against the Pittsburgh railroad, in Boston, for \$20,000 damages for causing the death of his two daughters by the collision accident, resulted yesterday in a verdict of \$3,000 damages, \$2,500 in each case.

DIKE'S GREAT WORK. The Disgraced Statesman and His Championship of the Starving Poor.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 7.—Sir Charles Dike is engaged in a quiet investigation into the poverty and distress which prevails in certain sections of this city, and he has been instrumental in bringing about the formation of a women's association to work in connection with the Liberal Association in bringing the prevailing condition of affairs to the attention of the people of the United Kingdom. His political opponents say that this step is unbecomingly feminine, but Sir Charles, in his own response in public life as the champion of the starving poor, but this he does with a show of indignation. At a meeting held in Chelsea a few nights ago he mentioned a case which had come to his notice where a woman working ten hours daily earned \$1.30 per week at cross-stitching, while in another case a man and his wife, by the closest application, could only earn three dollars weekly, out of which they had to pay eighty-seven cents a week for rent. Instances could be given, he added, where the wages earned were even lower than in the cases cited, and the only way with him was that deaths from starvation were not more numerous. He urged in impassioned language that what is known as "Horne Tooke's act," which prohibits clergymen from becoming members of Parliament, ought to be repealed in order that the many renowned philanthropists, who are acquainted with the true condition of the poor, might be able to champion their cause in the House of Commons.

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## A BANK COLLAPSES.

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CAUSES WHICH LED TO ITS DOWNFALL.

Vice-President Decamp Arrested on Charges Strongly to Throw Upon Which Harper Was Convicted—Affairs of the Institution.

IN SINGLE HANDS. CINCINNATI, Feb. 7.—The Metropolitan National Bank directors passed resolutions after 8 o'clock last night to suspend the bank is now in the hands of the Government. Ex-Vice-President J. R. Decamp has been arrested. The warrant charges him with making false oath to a statement of the bank's condition issued last December. He was released on bond in the sum of \$20,000.

The bank went through the clearing-house yesterday, the United States having given it \$200,000. Fifty thousand dollars more was printed, but upon the arrest of Mr. Decamp on a charge of certifying to a false statement of the December condition of the bank the United States said they would not back any further in the matter. The directors of the Metropolitan immediately passed a resolution to suspend and go into liquidation. The affairs of the bank were at once turned over to Government Receiver Sanders. The next movement will be the appointment of a receiver.

The bank's trouble is traced to the increase of stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, and has to do with the fact that 20 per cent premium, the premium being utilized as a surplus fund. A large part of this increase was paid for in notes. The placing of the stock in various banks gave rise to suspicion, ending in making it difficult to place the stock. To sustain its market status, the directors were compelled to buy in considerable quantities. The right money market at the close of the year closed the Metropolitan to carry along that was too heavy. Another trouble grew out of reports of speculative tendencies of some of the officers, though there is no evidence of its being carried to any considerable extent.

The cashier says that there remains about \$500,000 of the \$1,000,000 deposit account. It is thought depositors will be paid in full, but the bank is not in a position to make an assessment of 10 to 15 per cent on the par value of their holdings. This bank was the successor of the private banking house of James F. Larkin & Co. Mr. Larkin was president for several years, and was succeeded by ex-Mayor William M. Mason. The bank examiner, Mr. Sanders, began his examination about two weeks ago. He found the bank \$150,000 below the legal requirement as to reserve.

When the arrest of Mr. Decamp was made the private watchman of the bank made a vigorous resistance to the Deputy United States Marshal. He did not recover about the rights of the United States representative to penetrate the premises of the bank at that hour. He was himself put under arrest, but was afterward released.

The bank examiner makes his reports to the Comptroller, but there are hints that before the matter is ended other arrests will be made. The charge against Mr. Decamp is the same that formed one of the charges in the Fidelity Bank case.

FAMINE SUFFERERS IN TURKEY. Mission Funds for Their Relief Exhausted and Contributions Urgently Needed.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—Judson Smith, secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions received yesterday the following from the Famine Relief Committee at Constantinople:

"Adequate people are dying from hunger. Our money is exhausted. Shall we stop?"

Mr. Smith says: "The famine in Central Turkey, resulting from drought, and the devastation of 10,000 square miles by locusts, is now culminating in death. No relief can come from the ground until about June 10. In January only \$18,000 was sent us for the sufferers, and four times that amount was needed. For the next four months \$25,000 at least is necessary. Contributions are urgently solicited." It went to Leander S. Ward, the treasurer, at No. 1 Somerset street, Boston, they will be forwarded.

APPEALING TO THE PRESIDENT. Chicago Laboring Men Send a Letter to Mr. Cleveland About Their Troubles.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—It is understood that a letter has been mailed to President Cleveland and another to Chairman Barnum, of the Democratic National Committee, calling attention to the alleged employment of non-union workmen in the construction of the Auditorium Building in this city, and to the charge that convict-labor has been used in the structure. The question is asked whether the President and Mr. Barnum will countenance holding Democratic National Convention in the Auditorium Building should the convention come to Chicago. The names of the persons signing the letter and the organizations they represent are withheld.

LAUNDRIES CUTTING RATES. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 7.—The laundrymen of Springfield are having a rate war that will compare favorably in point of fierceness with a fight between the railroads. Yesterday dollars and cents were being done up in first-class style at the rate of two dollars for a cent, and shirts two cents each. The proprietors engaged in the war are C. D. Roberts and A. Norman, of this city, and W. W. of Quincy. The laundrymen refuse to take part, and it is thought by some to be a scheme to run the Chicago cut of the city.

HER SUFFERINGS OVER. Seward, Neb., Feb. 7.—Miss Etta Seward, the young school teacher who recently lost both limbs as a result of her exposure during the blizzard of January 12, died here yesterday morning. Her suffering during her illness was intense. The Omaha Bee fund, which has now reached \$8,750, will probably be turned over to her parents.

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OUR SPECIALTY ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY, 11TH.

Linen - and - White - Goods,

which we will sell you for one day only, at the following extremely low prices.

Loom Damask	worth 30c for 20c	Loom Damask	worth \$1.00 for 75c
Loom Damask	worth 45c " 30c	Bleached Damask	worth 65c " 45c
Loom Damask	worth 60c " 40c	Bleached Damask	worth 1.00 " 75c
Loom Damask	worth 65c " 45c	Bleached Damask	worth 1.25 " \$1
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TURKEY RED DAMASK. 50 Pieces for this sale at 25c per yard.

Our 75c quality Turkey Red for	50c	Our \$1.00 quality Turkey Red for	75c
Our 85c quality Turkey Red for	65c		

NAPKINS. Usual price 75c per dozen for \$ 50

Usual price \$1.00 per dozen	for 75	Usual price \$1.50 per dozen	for 1.25
Usual price \$2.00 per dozen	for 1.50	Usual price \$2.50 per dozen	for 2.00
Usual price \$3.00 per dozen	for 2.25		

WHITE GOODS. Worth 10c for 8 1/2c

Worth 12½c	for 10c	Worth 15c	for 12½c	Worth 20c	for 15c	Worth 25c	for 20c
<p>Remember that we still continue to sell CLOAKS AT HALF PRICE.</p>							











